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1. REGRET CONTINUING INABILITY BE SPECIFIC ON (A) COMPO-
SITION OF EGYPTIAN DELEGATION AND (B) NUMBER OF HOTEL
ROOMS EGYPTIANS WILL REQUIRE. FOLLOWING TALK REPORTED
REF B, FONMIN KAMEL HAD PROMISED TO SORT THIS OUT THIS
PAST WEEKEND AND LET ME KNOW. AS IT TURNED OUT, HE
RECEIVED LAST-MINUTE SUMMONS FROM SADAT TO ACCOMPANY
THE PRESIDENT TO AUSTRIA. (ONE OF HIS AIDES DESCRIBED
IT AS "PRESIDENTIAL ABDUCTION.") AHMED MAHER, WHO MIGHT
HAVE BEEN ABLE HANDLE MATTER, WENT WITH HIM. ACCORDING
TO MFA OFFICIALS, KAMEL AND MAHER ARE NOT EXPECTED BACK
UNTIL SADAT RETURNS SOMETIME ON JULY 14.

2. IN MY MEETING OF YESTERDAY WITH MFA UNDERSEC KHALIL,
I ASKED HIM TO REMIND KAMEL IN VIENNA THAT WE NEED TO
KNOW URGENTLY HOW MANY HOTEL ROOMS EGYPTIANS WILL NEED.
ALSO SUGGESTED KAMEL INSTRUCT EGYPTIAN EMBASSY LONDON TO
CONSULT WITH AMERICAN EMBASSY THERE IN ORDER TO WORK OUT
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ARRANGEMENTS. KHALIL UNDERTOOK CONVEY MY COMMENTS, BUT I
HAVE NOT AS YET HAD ANY RESPONSE.

3. FOR LONDON: WILL APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING US IF
EGYPTIAN EMBASSY CONTACTS YOU ON HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND
RELATED MATTERS.

4. FOR TEL AVIV: RE REF C, HAVE NOTHING FIRM ON EGYPTIAN DELEGATION AND AM NOT LIKELY TO UNTIL KAMEL RETURNS. THERE HAS THUS FAR BEEN NO SUGGESTION FROM KAMEL THAT HE PLANS TAKE A MILITARY ADVISER, BUT THIS IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE AS LAST-MINUTE ADDITION. WILL LET YOU KNOW SOON AS I HAVE SOME HARD INFORMATION. EILTS

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